

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Clara Ziemba on the celebration of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Clara Golder Ziemba of Spring Hill, Tennessee, will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 25, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on May 25, 1919, in Rib Lake, Wisconsin, Clara Golder was one of eighteen siblings, raised on her family's farm where she performed daily chores, tending to the livestock and the crops, which were sold to supply the local stores; and

WHEREAS, relocating to Chicago, Illinois, to help in the war effort, young Clara went to work at the USO where she helped to keep the spirits high of the men going off to war; she met her husband, U.S. Army Air Corps World War II veteran, Wallace Ziemba, in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, remaining in Chicago after her marriage, Mrs. Ziemba worked part-time at Marshall Fields and cared for the couples' five children; the young family relocated to suburban Miami Lakes, Florida, while the children were still in school; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, Clara Golder Ziemba shared her time and talents with several civic endeavors, serving as a volunteer poll worker for the Dade County, Florida, Election Department for many years and as a member of the Transportation Advisory Board for Dade County; and

WHEREAS, always seeking to help others, Mrs. Ziemba was also active with the Cub Scouts in Miami Springs, Florida, serving as an assistant to the Den Leader, and volunteered at

a local nursing home, making quilts at her own expense to share with the residents and impressing the facility management who subsequently hired her and put her on staff; and

WHEREAS, upon the retirement of Mr. Ziembra, the couple relocated to Tennessee, where they helped run a hardware store in Counce, Tennessee, when they first arrived; the couple would move several times thereafter to Greeneville, then Tullahoma, and finally Murfreesboro before the untimely death of Mr. Ziembra in 2005; and

WHEREAS, enjoying over fifty years with her beloved husband, Clara Ziembra never let her own health ailments keep her from caring for her husband during his struggle with Parkinson's disease; although suffering from diabetes and macular degeneration, she remains largely self-sufficient to this day; and

WHEREAS, a gracious lady with varied interests, Mrs. Ziembra taught Sunday School for many years and was a volunteer pageant hostess for the Miss Universe Pageant for a time, working with Bob Barker to ensure a fair contest; she has enjoyed a number of hobbies over the years, including ceramics, league bowling, and power walking with friends in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, now residing in Spring Hill, Tennessee, Mrs. Ziembra is the proud mother of five accomplished and successful children, two of whom have served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps, with four of the five employed by the Federal government; grandmother of eight devoted grandchildren, including two who have also served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps; and great-grandmother of eight treasured great-grandchildren, with yet another wonderful great-grandchild on the way; and

WHEREAS, as Clara Ziembra approaches her tenth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society; she follows her beloved Chicago Cubs and participates in various civic and community events as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Clara Golder Ziembra on the celebration

of her 90th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.